

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2318 - SB 2391**

March 3, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes the National Board for Certification of Hearing Instrument Sciences Examination as the accepted examination for licensure for the Council for Hearing Instruments Specialists. The Council is authorized to contract with other organizations to conduct examinations. Removes the Council's authority to waive the written examination for an individual who has successfully passed a written examination whose contents are acceptable to the Council.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Currently, the Council contracts with the International Hearing Society to provide its hearing instrument specialty licensure written exam, and the Council administers its own jurisprudence exam.
- An application for examination is required along with a non-refundable fee whether or not an individual receives a waiver from the Council to forego taking the written examination; therefore, no increase in examination fee revenue to the Council.
- The Council is currently authorized to contract with other testing organizations.
- Any necessary rulemaking required of the Council can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Council meetings.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The Council for Hearing Instruments Specialists had surpluses of \$53,008 in FY13-14, \$47,665 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$176,028 on June 30, 2015.

**IMPACT TO COMMERCE:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- This legislation will have no significant impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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